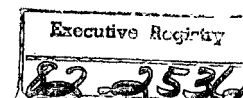


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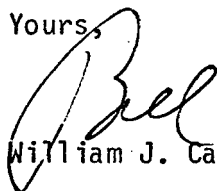
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Mr. James M. Beggs  
Administrator  
National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Mr. Beggs:

Thank you for your letter of March 1st  
inviting me to witness the third launch of  
the Space Shuttle Columbia on March 22nd.  
I appreciate very much being included and  
regret that I am unable to attend. Unfor-  
tunately, I am firmly committed that day here  
in Washington.

Yours,



William J. Casey

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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Casey:

On behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, I have the honor to invite you and your spouse to witness the third launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia on Monday, March 22, at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

This is the third of four test flights before the Shuttle becomes operational later this year. During the mission, the crew, Commander Jack R. Lousma and Pilot Gordon Fullerton, will put the Shuttle through the most rigorous tests yet of its spaceworthiness and ability to do what it was designed to do.

While in orbit, the Shuttle will be positioned to test for the first time the reaction of its critical equipment to direct solar heating. The nine experiments it will carry will test instruments to be used later in solar and astronomical studies and materials processing in space. The remote manipulator arm will be tested again, this time more extensively, by using it to deploy a scientific experiment in space.

We hope that you will be able to join us on a flight from Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., to the Kennedy Space Center on March 22. We will leave at 6 a.m. EST, and ask guests to be at the terminal no later than 5 a.m. Breakfast will be served en route, and there will be a pre-launch mission briefing on arrival. The launch is scheduled for 10 a.m. We expect to be back at Andrews at 1:45 p.m.

If you can come, please contact NASA's Guest Services Desk at 755-0273 at the earliest possible time to confirm seat reservations. Substitutions are discouraged. However, if they are suggested they will be "wait-listed" until approximately 24 hours before departure, and then notified if space is available. ✓

Because the Space Transportation System is still in its testing phase, contingencies could force changes in the launch date. We will notify you immediately if this happens.

I hope you and your spouse will be able to be with us and look forward to seeing you at the launch.

Sincerely,



James M. Beggs  
Administrator

National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration

Washington, D.C.

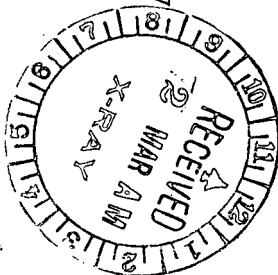
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